

New Training Program for Juvenile Justice Services

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UTAH- The Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) is in the process of implementing its new Integrated Crisis Response (ICR) program. The first "Training of Trainers" was held in January; it was conducted by the creators of the program, Trent Phillips and Todd Brophy, from Washington State.

ICR is a verbal and physical crisis intervention program with a strong emphasis on cognitive behavioral techniques for de-escalating hostile, anxious and/or dangerous behavior. The emphasis of ICR is upon verbal de-escalation relying on staff to use positive relationship skills to resolve conflict.

The program is customized to include JJS policies and procedures. The skills are chosen for their broad range of application, ease of understanding and use given the diversity of our JJS staff, clients and the environments in which we work. DJJS is very excited about the new program and feedback from JJS trainers and staff who have participated in the program has been very positive.

The first graduating cadre of trainers is: LaRon Bond, Lindsey Call, Thomas Edgar, Andy Gardiner, Katelyn Hare, Shawn Heiniger, Bud Johnson, Ed Johnstun, Robert Jones, Chad Jones, Kristen Kinikini, Pat Moore, Ladd Permann, Rhett Rivera, Chris Roach, Peter Salazar, Joshua Shepherd, David Sollami, Matthew Southam, Irene Stevens, Rick Stuart, Jerimy West and Keith Wheeler.

A very big thank you goes out to all these wonderful trainers for their commitment and dedication to this new training program!